

## **Artifacts & Incidents: Nicole Jean Hill**

Reno City Hall - **Metro Gallery**  
December 22, 2014 – January 30, 2014



**Metro Gallery** in City Hall hosts photographs by Nicole Jean Hill. *Artifacts & Incidents* documents the space nestled between national forest lands and private property as well as the easement zones along country roads and greenbelts in the western United States. These properties exist as neither private nor public space, without a clearly defined purpose, they simultaneously imply autonomy and lawlessness. Nicole documents the evidence of the disruptive qualities of human activity, efforts at cultivation, and the inherent wildness of an environment. Nicole Jean Hill states, “*My goal is to create implied narratives of the orderly and untamable. It is through this visual investigation that I question the nature of nature and the desire to define the boundaries between the knowable and unpredictable landscape.*”

Nicole Jean Hill received a BFA in photography from the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design and an MFA in Studio Art from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Her photographs have been exhibited throughout the U.S., Europe, Canada and Australia, including Gallery 44 in Toronto, the Australia Centre for Photography in Sydney, and the Blue Sky Gallery in Portland, Oregon. Her work has been featured in the Magenta Foundation publication *Flash Forward: Emerging Photography from the U.S., U.K., and Canada*, the Humble Art Foundation’s *The Collector’s Guide to Emerging Photography*, and National Public Radio. Hill has been an artist-in-residence at the Center for Land Use Interpretation in Wendover, Utah, the Ucross Foundation in Wyoming, and the Newspace Center for Photography in Portland, Oregon. She currently resides in Humboldt County, California and is an Associate Professor of Art at Humboldt State University.

<http://nicolejeanhill.com/home.html>

Metro Gallery is the City of Reno’s flagship art gallery. Located in Reno City Hall, it is one of three galleries operated by the City. To learn more please visit: <http://renoculture.com>

### **Metro Gallery**

Reno City Hall – First Floor Lobby

One East First Street

Reno, Nevada 89501

Monday-Friday 9:00am-5:00pm

Free of charge to the public

Parking available in Cal-Neva Parking Garage

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